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NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL ORGANISATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National AIDS Control Organisation is proposing to spend on prevention of HIV/AIDS and promotion of the usage of condoms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to its spending in rural areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Prevention of HIV/AIDS, including promotion of the use of condoms is an integral part of the National AIDS Control Programme and is being promoted for dual use- protection from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections; and unwanted pregnancy. 75% of the budget for the Programme in its Phase III is earmarked for prevention activities, including promotion of the usage of condoms, Targeted Interventions, Blood Safety and Information, Education and Communication (IEC). The supply of condoms and IEC activities are carried out in both the urban and rural areas, with priority being accorded to high HIV prevalent and high fertility districts and Targeted Interventions among the high risk groups and bridge populations. Prime focus is on strengthening condom access by increasing the number of outlets selling condoms to 30 lakhs, an increase from 6 lakhs at present.